

SAN DIEGO is to-day celebrating the formal opening of the through railway line by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe system, this making the fourth transcontinental railroad. We congratulate the people of San Diego upon the final consummation of their long deferred hopes, and trust that its lovely harbor may be surrounded by a grand city second to none west of the Rocky mountains.

NEARLY all portions of California have just experienced a very heavy rainfall, the average measurement of two inches being about the quantity. In some portions of the state the fall was exceedingly heavy and torrents of water concentrated from watersheds into narrow valleys, doing considerable damage. The lands at San Fernando tunnel were occasioned by the rains, and various towns and cities were more or less inundated. It is likely that Arizona will experience a little rainfall from the remnants of the storm clouds that drifted in this direction.

THE news comes that the Pioneer mill, at Globe, was destroyed by an incendiary fire on Sunday night. This is a severe blow to that mining company and to the town of Globe, and it was probably done through the little personal spite by one whose love of revenge is greater than his desire to earn an honest livelihood. This class of criminals is evidently augmenting in numbers throughout the United States, and the methods of their retaliation extends from the less pernicious practice of boycotting, through a long catalogue of offenses to the deadly dynamite and riotous murders.

AN extract from the *Fleisch Herald*, published in another column, advances many advantages that Tucson will gain by the construction of the Territorial University in this city. It is a matter that should engage the earnest attention of our citizens, that the preliminary organization of the Board of Regents may be reached and the foundation for this richly endowed educational institution be laid. It is an enterprise of the most laudable nature and worthy of the ambition of any city, and we trust that our people will not permit the opportunity to lapse through their apathy.

GENERAL SHERIDAN, in his recent report, deals with the present Indian troubles in New Mexico and Arizona from a purely military standpoint and expresses a faith in the ability of Gen. Crook that must provoke a cynical smile as broad as the two Territories. Based solely upon military reports, the conclusion of General Sheridan are natural and reasonable, but the unwritten history of the Indian troubles can present a far stronger case of incapacity and brilliant ineptitude. If, as Gen. Sheridan says, Crook is the best Indian fighter of the army, the government might as well call him from the field. Matters can be no worse than they have been for the past six months.

A CALL is issued for a mass meeting of the people of Tucson to take steps in preparing for the approaching city election. The time selected has been placed sufficiently far ahead that the widest publicity may be given it and a full representation secured. A full and free discussion of affairs must certainly result in great public good and that is the only motive that ought to govern the deliberations of such a body. As a city, we are at the crisis when a false step will prove disastrous, and the most careful exercise of the best judgment of our people is necessary to avert danger and to bring prosperity. Any measure that looks to the accomplishment of public good will meet with our earnest and sincere support, and it is hoped that our whole people will meet at the time selected, with a simple purpose to harmoniously work for the best interests of our city.

THE Tombstone Record-Epiphany exhibits such unmistakable symptoms of aberration of mind that it is almost a needless waste of time and space to reply to its manifestly insane attacks. The *CITIZEN*, in its issue of last Saturday, printed the sentiment of the people of Arizona New Mexico regarding the Apache Indians, and the current rumors that they might possibly make an organized attack upon the San Carlos reservation. We expressed at that time an utter disapprobation of the scheme, but in its uncertain understanding or wanton perversion of our expressions, the *Record-Epiphany* terms it a "cowardly plot" in which the *CITIZEN* acquiesced. The most careful examination of the files of *CITIZEN* will disclose the fact that this paper has always and under all circumstances deprecated every possible act of lawlessness, even in the case of popular emotion and incendiary excitement. The *Record-Epiphany* has misrepresented us and permitted its passion to exceed its judgment.

THE unreasonable depression in Quintero stocks is unaccountable to every person who possesses any knowledge of the wonderful resources of wealth in the properties of the companies operating in Mount Ben Nevis. The Peerless mill is turning out bullion in satisfactory quantities, with reserve ore bodies that will be good for several years' continuous working. The output is now exceeding by far the expense and the treasury is growing plenteous with the accumulations from the bullion product. Just why the stocks should drop several dollars below the amount of assessments that have been paid is a mystery to all who are not in the deal. Every person who has any personal knowledge of the Peerless and Crocker ore bodies expresses full confidence in the great value of the mines and the ultimate advance in the price of stock to par and over. The present depression is therefore not attributed to any disappoinment in the developments of the tangible property of the companies, but it is a characteristic manipulation by the management, who look to future profits through the acquisition of adjacent properties or the universal distribution of the stock of one company to bring the other into prominence. The low price is simply the result of a premeditated plan, and there is no risk to holders of stock who have purchased even at the highest rates that have been quoted.

A RECENT Washington special says the President is evidently disappointed in his new Civil Service Commissioners. The principal reason for changing the old board was that he believed he could more readily impress upon the new members his own ideas of improvement in the administration of the civil service law. The old board had practically created a system and had become accustomed to a certain routine in the performance of their duties, and were thus less liable to adapt themselves to any change. So it was decided to get new members where the balance of power would be of the same political faith as the administration, and who, it was thought, would readily become imbued with the President's views. The President believes that there should be a broader construction to the law than now obtains, and that other qualities, besides that of merely being able to answer correctly a series of questions, should be taken into consideration in the matter of selecting persons for appointment. Fitness for the position, capacity for handling men, and a technical knowledge of the duties required, were as necessary in the Sterling case as high rank in the written examination, and hence all the names of those who passed the examination were submitted to the Collector. This would be the course in all cases, and the collection should not be confined to the four highest on the list. This is the President's idea, and he has so publicly expressed himself, and yet the new commissioners have taken occasion to say that their action in the Sterling case, so far as relates to certifying the whole list, is not a precedent of what they will do in the future, and hence the President's disappointment over the fact that the members have failed to grasp his idea upon the subject of civil service reform.

THE people of the eastern states will express a greater degree of public interest in municipal matters and select candidates for city offices solely upon their merits, regardless of partisan affiliation. There is hardly a position to be filled that is regarded as at all desirable, and only a willingness to sacrifice the time and labor, and talent for public good will prompt the right kind of material to accept office. A full expression of the sentiment of the people is particularly desirable in a nominating mass meeting and if it results in the selection of honest and competent men our city will derive great benefit from the selection of its officers. We trust that no "dilemma" will be prepared, but that the mass meeting to be called will spontaneously select the best men attainable to serve them.

THE Balkan war is of a shrewd and deceptive nature, and at the rapidity with which the engagements are precipitated and the attendant sanguinary results, the historical conflict of the kilkeny cats is being re-enacted. The conference of the powers has almost resolved that the struggle may proceed without interruption from the outside. It is not a temper of much magnitude that the great nations surrounding the scene of conflict take any degree of entertainment scarcely equalled by the most thrilling tragedy ever enacted upon the boards. So far, victory has favored the Serbian army, and their successes inspire them with a degree of enthusiasm that lends strength to their cause with corresponding fear of defeat by the Bulgarians.

GOVERNOR ROSS is unceremoniously removing the officials of New Mexico appointed by his predecessor and confirmed by the Territorial Council. The question of his power to do so cuts no figure whatever; he has assumed the authority and the partisan completion given to the courts by a referendum, such as the people of that Territory consider exactly proper, and their disgruntled condition has been wrought to a pitch of intense fury by the arbitrary removals and appointments in Territorial offices made by Governor Ross. In New Mexico the various District Attorneys are appointed by the Governor and with the consent of the Council, but the democratic governor seems to believe that true democratic reform can be accomplished only by the most flagrant nepotism and the usurpation of unconstitutional powers. He is met with the most indignant denunciations and his appointees are pictured by the press of the nation as the most infamous scoundrels. A Hillsboro correspondent of the *Santa Fe New Mexican* has taken occasion to speak of Governor Ross' nephew, the recently appointed successor to District Attorney Wade, in the following more forcible than elegant tone: "If my uncle, the Governor," as Ashenfelter calls his excellency, insists upon appointing his relatives who are in sympathy with his 'policies' to important public positions, he should at least show that 'decent respect for the opinions of mankind' which would lead him to select persons moderately competent. However, the Governor may be excused on the ground that as he is no lawyer he is incapable of judging of the fitness of men for such positions. It would seem, however, that any person who ever saw Ashenfelter would know that he was unfit for any position. Nature makes no mistakes.

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POLITICAL matters are growing quite ardent over in New Mexico. The appointment of the President were not such as the people of that Territory consider exactly proper, and their disgruntled condition has been wrought to a pitch of intense fury by the arbitrary removals and appointments in Territorial offices made by Governor Ross. In New Mexico the various District Attorneys are appointed by the Governor and with the consent of the Council, but the democratic governor seems to believe that true democratic reform can be accomplished only by the most flagrant nepotism and the usurpation of unconstitutional powers. He is met with the most indignant denunciations and his appointees are pictured by the press of the nation as the most infamous scoundrels. A Hillsboro correspondent of the *Santa Fe New Mexican* has taken occasion to speak of Governor Ross' nephew, the recently appointed successor to District Attorney Wade, in the following more forcible than elegant tone: "If my uncle, the Governor," as Ashenfelter calls his excellency, insists upon appointing his relatives who are in sympathy with his 'policies' to important public positions, he should at least show that 'decent respect for the opinions of mankind' which would lead him to select persons moderately competent. However, the Governor may be excused on the ground that as he is no lawyer he is incapable of judging of the fitness of men for such positions. It would seem, however, that any person who ever saw Ashenfelter would know that he was unfit for any position. Nature makes no mistakes.

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## TELEGRAPH

REUNION, N. W. T., Nov. 16.—Louis David Kiel was executed on the scaffold at the barracks of the Mounted Police force near here, for high treason against the Queen of Great Britain at 8:25 this morning, mountain time. Some extraordinary precaution against the possibility of escape of Kiel or the intrusion into the barracks by unauthorized persons, was observed again. This morning no one was permitted to enter the guard house until 8:12 o'clock. The scene was witnessed by a large number of men and women, including the Mayor, Pierre and Father McWilliams with him, celebrating mass. He received notice to proceed to the scaffold in the composed manner shown the preceding night.

He displayed an inclination at the last moment to make an address, but then arose and walked toward the executioner, repeating his prayers to the last moment, the final words escaping him in a hoarse whisper. He was permitted within the confines of the barracks to witness the execution. It was performed with decorum and dispatch. His body was taken in charge by the coroner and a verdict issued to all state executions was rendered.

REUNION, Nov. 16.—After desperate fighting yesterday the Serbian army captured the position at Raptcha. The losses of both sides were heavy. This victory enabled the Serbians to turn the front of the Bulgarian army and to open to Sofia. The Bulgarian army of the Widdan district may be considered completely destroyed and dispersed. A dispatch from Belgrade says that the Serbians, after heavy fighting, have been forced to retreat to Svinitsa. The Bulgarians have captured the town of Svinitsa, and the fighting occurred on the left of the Serbian advance line where both forces held their positions. The Bulgarian army at Widdan has blocked the Danube river.

MERCED, Nov. 18.—A party of tramps attempted to run the town last night. After stealing merchandise from a front store and the tapping of a water pipe on the same street they robbed a fruit and candy store when they got into a fight among themselves and eleven of them were arrested. Five others were taken to the jail. Officer Griffith telegraphed ahead and learned that they had been put off the train at Merced. He pursued them by team and captured them near Merced and the whole party are now in jail.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 18.—After a lengthy discussion the National Rabbinical Convention of the United States adopted a platform. It holds that religion is an attempt to grasp the infinite, and that Judaism presents the right conception of the God idea. Modern discoveries and scientific researches in nature and history are not antagonistic to the doctrines of Judaism. The Bible is a revelation of the primitive ages, these portions of the Mosaic legislation which do not satisfy the lives of the people and do not adapt to the needs of the modern civilization, are rejected. The law regarding diet, priestly purity and dress are condemned as antiquated and not to obstruct spiritual elevation. The Hebrews are declared to be no longer a nation, but a religious community, and therefore expect neither a return to Palestine, nor the restoration of the Jewish state. The restoration of any of the laws concerning the Jewish state is an attempt to realize a dream that man's soul is immortal, but rejects as ideas not rooted in Judaism the beliefs both in a bodily resurrection and in Gehenna. The Hebrews are declared to be no longer a nation, but a religious community, and therefore expect neither a return to Palestine, nor the restoration of the Jewish state. The restoration of any of the laws concerning the Jewish state is an attempt to realize a dream that man's soul is immortal, but rejects as ideas not rooted in Judaism the beliefs both in a bodily resurrection and in Gehenna. The Hebrews are declared to be no longer a nation, but a religious community, and therefore expect neither a return to Palestine, nor the restoration of the Jewish state. 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